THE HUMBLE

PETITION

OF THE

Lord Major, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London* in Common-Councell assembled:

To the Right Honourable

THE

LORDS & COMMONS

IN

Parliament Assembled.

TOGETHER,

With the *Answers* of both Houses to the said PETITION.

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TO THE
RIGHT HONORABLE
The Commons
IN THE
High Court of Parliament assembled:

The humble Petition of the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common-councell assembled.

SHEWETH,

THat as your Petitioners in all humility doe thankfully acknowledge the many former favours of this honourable House manifested to this City; so in particular

in granting their desires, expressed in their late Petition, concerning the *Tower* and the *Militia* of *London*: And in communicating unto the Petitioners severall Votes of both Houses of Parliament, wherein to your Petitioners great joy and comfort are expressed, your Resolutions that you will not alter the Fundamentall Government of the Kingdome, by King, Lords, and Commons: That you will preserve inviolably the Solemn League and Covenant, and the Treaties between the Kingdoms of *England* and *Scotland*; and that you will be ready to joyn with the Kingdom of *Scotland*, in the Propositions agreed upon by both Kingdoms for the speedy settlement of the Peace of both Kingdoms; and the preservation of the union according to the Covenant and Treaties. And

And your Petitioners doe further humbly present to this honourable House, That the Inhabitants of the City are much grieved; in that their Magistrates and fellow-Citizens have for a long time been under restraint, and the City thereby deprived of their Service. And humbly pray,

That in prosecution of your said Votes, you will be pleased to improve all good opportunity in perfecting so desirable a good as is therein expressed, for the speedy settlement of the Peace of both Kingdomes, and preservation of the Union according to the Covenant and Treaties, and preventing a new and bloody Warre.

That the Aldermen now in the Tower, the Recorder, and the rest of their fellow Citizens, restrained upon the same occa-

occaſion may be diſcharged and reſtored, whereby the City may bee the better united, their hands ſtrengthened, and they made more ſerviceable to the Parliament and City for their preſervation and ſafety, which they ſhall endeavour to the uttermoſt of their power and abilities.

And the Petitioners ſhall humbly pray, &c.

Die

Die Martii, 23. *Maii*, 1648.

THe Lords have commanded me to let you know, That they receive the acknowledgments of gratitude, and the great expreſſions of fidelity and good affections from the City of *London*, with ſuch a ſatisfaction, as that they return you their hearty Thanks: They have commanded me to aſſure you, that they will improve all good opportunities for the attaining that deſired end of theſe unhappy troubles, the ſpeedy ſettlement of a ſafe peace in both Kingdomes, and the preſervation of the Union according to the Covenant and Treaties. They will endevour to the utmoſt of their Power, to prevent any new and bloody Warre. As to the particulars mentioned concerning the Aldermen now in the Tower, the Recorder, and the reſt of the Citizens reſtrained: They have commanded me to declare to you, That they having had an Impeachment brought up from the Houſe of Commons against thoſe Aldermen, have proceeded no otherwiſe then by the uſuall courſe of Parliament they ought to have done. As to the Recorder, there hath been no Commitment or proceedings againſt him by this Houſe. As to the reſt of the Citizens againſt whom there is no Impeachment, but onely a Commitment by a Committee of both Houſes; their Lordſhips will proceed to endevour their ſpeedy releaſe. And they deſire that the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Common-Councell, and that the whole City may reſt confident, That their Lordſhips will uſe their endevours for their ſatisfaction: And as it hath alwayes been the ſtudy and labour of this Houſe to expreſs their Care for advantage and union of the City of *London*; ſo, much more now will they endevour a Compliance with thoſe deſires of the City, which may firmly unite them one to another; and faſten their Hearts, and ſtrengthen their Hands in a ſerviceableneſs to the Parliament, in order to theſe ends, The eſtabliſhment of Religion, The peace and ſafety of the Kingdom, according to our ſolemn League and Covenant.

Ioh. Brown Cleric. Parliamentorum.

Die

Die Martis, 23. Maii, 1648.

THe House being informed, That the Sheriffs, Aldermen, and other Citizens were at the door, they were called in, and Mr. Sheriff *Bide*, after some preamble by way of Introduction, acquainted the House, That he was commanded by the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Commons in Common-councell assembled, humbly to present to this House, An humble Petition: The which the Petitioners being withdrawn, was read, and was Entituled,

The humble Petition of the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London in Common-Councell assembled: In which they desire the discharge of the Aldermen now in the Tower, the Recorder, and other their fellow-Citizens under restraint upon the same occasion.

The Sheriffs, Aldermen, and other Citizens the Petitioners, were again called in, and Mr. Speaker by the Command of the House, acquainted them that the House had considered their Petition, that in it are many desires, which in the Petition are expressed, to tend very much to the union of the City in it self, which how much this House desires, will appear by the Votes this House hath passed upon their Petition. And then Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the Votes concerning the Recorder, Colonell *Bromfield*, and other Citizens: As to the businesse concerning the Aldermen in the Tower; he informed them, that it is a businesse of very serious and important consideration: they have therefore resolved to resume the debate of it on this day seven night.

H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

FINIS.